

THE WORD THIS WEEK

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

20 February 2022

What is compassion? What is love? And how do we live them out in our own age? These are the questions that spring from the Gospel today. In many ways this is the hardest teaching Jesus offers us, because it goes against so much of what the "modern world" would have us believe. Look at the first reading: David and Saul are enemies, and Saul is suddenly in David's power. The logic of the modern world would say "Strike while you can." But David chooses another path. He is compassionate. We can all think of times when we were in a position to take revenge, score a victory over someone, take it out on them. Our measure of our faith is whether or not we were compassionate - especially with our enemies - as Jesus taught us.

PARISH NOTICES & EVENTS

PARISH OF DIVINE MERCY PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, help us never to abandon your ways. As you have loved and shown us your mercy, may we sincerely express our love for God by loving our neighbour and being merciful to them. Jesus, King of Divine Mercy, we trust in you.

2. READINGS

First: I Samuel 26 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 - Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.

Psalm: 102 - The Lord is compassion and love / My soul give thanks to the Lord / It is he who forgives our guilt / As far as the east is from the west

Second: I Corinthians 15:45-49 - We who have been modelled on the earthly man will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38 - Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, turn the other cheek ... be compassionate as your Father is compassionate.

3. HOPE IN THE FUTURE PRAYER CYCLE: Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Margaret Mary, New Moston, and for Father Andrew Starkie, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school, for the Presentation Sisters, and for the Manchester mission of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. May they be compassionate as God our Father is compassionate.

4. BAPTISM: We welcome into the Parish of Divine Mercy family Holly Louise Waterson, who was baptised at Corpus Christi Church last Sunday.

5. WORKS AT ST HERBERT'S CHURCH: Weather permitting, the flagstones at the front of St Herbert's Church will be levelled next week, with work beginning on Monday, 21 February. Please enter the church via the front gate. Thank you.

6. DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM LED BY BISHOP JOHN ARNOLD – Saturday, 7 May 2022: After a break of two years, due to the pandemic, we are pleased to confirm the resumption of our annual pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine in England. The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop John and will take place on Saturday 7th May 2022. We hope coaches will be available from each deanery, leaving around 7:00am and arriving back around 10:00pm. The cost

for the day trip is £20.00. Those wishing to make their own way are welcome to join the pilgrimage in Walsingham. Further information on available coaches and how to book to follow. Alongside this, there will be a youth pilgrimage for young people in years 7, 8 and 9. The Youth coach will leave on Friday 6th May 2022 around 10am from Salford Cathedral and arrive back around 10:00pm on Saturday 7th May 2022. The group will be staying at Elmham House in Walsingham. The subsidised cost for the Youth pilgrimage is £50.00 which includes accommodation, food, and travel. To book a place, please complete the form by clicking here: <https://forms.gle/nwDThmqBFLV5LEjU7>

7. CHILDREN'S LITURGY DIVINE MERCY PARISH: Children's Liturgy will resume in both Churches after the half term break later this month. **Corpus Christi** will resume on Sunday, 6th March at the 9.30 Mass during term time. **St Herbert's** will resume on 13th March at the family Mass.

At **Corpus Christi** church, we aim to provide for 3 - 7/8 years old children. Children are met in church before Mass and taught in the presbytery. They are returned to Mass after the Homily. Parents are welcome to bring younger pre-school children and join the group to help them acclimatise. We provide all the materials for the activities and children will hopefully produce something to take away! In the meantime, at **Corpus Christi**, children will find puzzle and colouring sheets in a tray as they enter church. They can help themselves along with a bundle of crayons and clip board if needed.

Children's Liturgy, St Herbert's: I am hoping to restart Children's Liturgy on 13th March, and thereafter on 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month in term-time, but I need more help. It may be as simple as helping set up/clear up, or you may feel you could offer support with preparing/ delivering the session. Whatever you can give will be welcomed and necessary if the Liturgy is to continue. Please see me after Mass or ring me on 07947 660389. Thank you in advance. Trish (Wildy).

8. CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH A TEAM CLEANING 2022: We will be meeting on the following dates up to Easter. Mondays: 21 Feb, 7, 14 Mar, 4 April. We are only a small team at present due to early retirements for health et. We meet once a fortnight at 9.30-10.30am for an hours' 'exercise', which includes a cuppa & some of Liz's lovely cake.

HYMNS

CORPUS CHRISTI: Entrance: 131; Offertory: 122; Communion: 470, 500; Recessional: 286.

ST HERBERT'S: Entrance: 456; Offertory: 366; Communion: 418, 164; Recessional: 470.

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If you have an hour to spare, please come and join us on any of the above dates.

9. DIOCESE OF SALFORD – JOB VACANCIES

Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel with St John Bosco, Blackley – Housekeeper

Appointment type: Part-time, permanent (6 hours per week) **Location:** Parish House, Wilson Road, Blackley, Manchester, M9 8BG; **Salary:** £9.90 per hour; **Closing Date:** 12 noon on Monday 28th February 2022.

To find out more and apply, please email HR@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

10. SCHOOL NEWS

Corpus Christi: After what has been a very busy half term, staff and children are looking forward to their well-deserved break. This week our Reception children held an Africa Day to end their topic all about Africa. They took part in an African drumming and dancing workshop in the morning and tried a range of African food in the afternoon. They had a great day! This week, children were also treated to a lovely Always afternoon. They had their very own cinema experience and a popcorn treat.

St Herbert's: Congratulations to the children of Year 3 who were presented on Sunday - the first step of their Sacramental Programme. Friday was our "Food Bank Friday" and once again the children supported this day by bringing in lots of food which will be used to help those who are struggling at this time. We would like to say a massive thank you to you the parishioners for the continue support with the food which is left at the back of Church. It is fantastic that we work together to help those in need. There will be no news next week as we are on our half-term holidays which both staff and children are looking forward to. Stay with us Lord on our journey.

11. SUNDAY SMILE

A man in Amsterdam had a long-standing desire to go to confession. He entered the confessional and said, "Forgive me Father, for I have sinned. During World War Two I hid a refugee in my attic."

"Well," answered the priest, "that was very courageous of you, and that's not a sin." The man continued, "But for every week he stayed, I made him agree to pay me 20 Guilders."

"Perhaps that wasn't very kind," the priest replied, "but you did it for a very good cause." The man continued, "Oh thank you, Father, that eases my mind. Finally, I have one more question."

"And what is that, my son?" the priest enquired. "Do I now have to tell him that the war is over?," the man concluded.

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

MONDAY:	Both churches closed.
TUESDAY:	Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 6.30 pm; Mass at 7.00 pm
WEDNESDAY:	St Herbert's: Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
THURSDAY:	Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am
FRIDAY:	St Herbert's: Private Prayer at 9.30 am; Mass at 10.00 am
SATURDAY:	Corpus Christi: Private Prayer at 5.00 pm; Mass at 5.30 pm
SUNDAY:	Corpus Christi: Private Prayer 9.00 am; Mass at 9.30 am St Herbert's: Private Prayer 10.30 am; Mass at 11.00 am

CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE MASS ON REQUEST

MASS REQUESTS

Missa pro populo

Special Intentions: Marie Healy, Mrs Marie Proctor (birthday), Rev Sister Teresa Healey

Lately Dead: Lily Kearns, Joan Nield

RIP: Eddie Thompson

Anniversary: Ann Carlisle

Birthday Anniversary: Colin Prince

PRAYER FOR SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Father, we place before you all the sick and housebound of the parish:

Agnes Conroy, Mrs Monica Anne Turner, Angela Delph, Jack Clark, Jean Allen, Dorothy Buckley, Tony Mulherin, Nora Hickey, Sheila Cavey, Nancy Pinto, Mrs H Fallas, Anthony McDermott, Beryl Henderson, Jean Winterbottom, Maxine Bennett, Dominic Boardman, Angela Fairgrieve, Cath Carrol, Jack Hulme, Peter Wooldridge, Nikki Winnard, Pauline Powell, Phillip Lees, Andrew Lees, Mrs Lewandowski, Mary O'Connor.



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ARE YOU...

New to the Parish?

Know someone who is sick or in hospital?

Can you help the parish or us you?

Like a visit from the priest?

Please speak to Fr Lawrence after mass or at any convenient time.